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TV PROGRAMME THROUGH INTERNET
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start the broadcast of TV programmes through the Internet;

(b) if so, the time by which the said service is likely to be started;

(c) whether necessary preparations for the said service have been made in the country, including Jabalpur; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (d) The Government has issued guidelines on 08.09.2008 for launching digital television service using the Internet Protocol over a network infrastructure including delivery through Broadband Network.

Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) have already started offering Internet Protocol Television (IPTV) services in the country. BSNL has decided to introduce IPTV services in 98 cities including Jabalpur diring 2008-09.